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- Possible AICOCK Replacement

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1. With the termination of AICOCK's services at Lavrion and the possible loss of AIKINF in the near future, Headquarters feels that our ability to obtain Albanian operational, political and CE information in Greece is seriously limited. Lavrion in the past has been one of our chief sources of the above information, and in view of the Greek efforts to undermine the position of the NCFA and her representatives among the Albania<sup>2</sup> refugees there, it would be advisable to have some sort of informant in Lavrion if we are going to be successful in neutralizing some of these efforts.
2. There is no question that a faction exists in Lavrion (GACCENT, Halla brothers etc.) which is doing everything possible to spread harmful rumors and to poison the minds of the refugees against HINEIGH and the United States. With regard to the United States their efforts are much more subtle in that they spread rumors of the capture and death of agents who are believed to be working for us and imply that the Americans are indirectly responsible for supporting many "thieves and immoral men" through HINEIGH. It has appeared in the past that most of the charges brought by the Greeks against HINEIGH representatives and some of our agents stemmed originally from this faction. If we do not have the other side of the story in answering charges brought by this group, our only possible recourse is to accept the word of these men and        Our ability to stand by our people who have served us faithfully would be lessened, resulting in disillusionment of Albanian refugees as far as the United States is concerned.
3. With regard to AICOCK, even though he was "unimaginative and required guidance" he was honest, and it was through him that we received some of the first reports on the activities of the Halla brothers and GACCENT in Lavrion. Here was a case of one of our own agents (GACCENT) belonging to that faction which spread so many anti-American and anti-HINEIGH rumors.
4. Having an agent reporting regularly on activities taking place in Lavrion /will not

will not in itself make too much difference as far as determined Greek efforts to undermine the position of HTN-IGH in Greece is concerned. However, this source of information in addition to the information available from SACAVAGE in Ioannina would most certainly aid in keeping up with new developments concerning this problem. This source in Lavrion could also be used as an agent spotter and could supply worthwhile CE information.

5. Because of difficulties field is experiencing with the Greek authorities it might be advisable to consider one of our former agents presently located at Lavrion for this project, rather than one of the more politically minded refugees or HTN-IGH representatives. We would appreciate your views and comments on this proposal.

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